

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes  
September 18, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Roy Henry, Beth Butler and Mary Brundage

Members absent: Jane Snyder

Motion made to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting by Roy Henry and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Accepted 6 - 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery

There has been no response from BJ's to the maintenance list sent in July. Chairman Merriam will follow up with a phone call to our contact person.

2. Annual Appeal Letter

Monies received from our annual appeal letter:

\$660 - General Fund

\$245 - Norden Cemetery

The amounts are down slightly from last year. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the committee decided to send out the annual appeal letter earlier next year.

3. Directions to Cemeteries

Mary reviewed directions to several cemeteries with the committee. She is working on directions from Town Hall to each of the 35 cemeteries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jill Kenrick and her husband found a gravesite in the woods off Kempton Road. The issue has been referred to the Uxbridge Police Department for investigation. The complete file is on record with Chairman Merriam.

2. Mumford River Bridge

Work has begun on the north side of the bridge on Mendon Street. The railings are being stored at the DPW garage for future use at abandoned cemeteries. Roy and Beth will follow up with securing the finials.

3. Joseph Richardson Cemetery

Roy met up with a high line inspector in the South Uxbridge area. Roy brought the inspector to the site of the broken gate on the Douglas Pike. The inspector took notes and assured Roy it will be fixed. As of September 16<sup>th</sup> it was still not fixed.

4. Buffum Cemetery

Mary has been pruning, trimming and cleaning the area around the perimeter of the Buffum Cemetery. We need to have Chris spray for briars and weeds.

5. North Smithfield Police Department

While Chairman Merriam was checking the Almshouse Cemetery, a North Smithfield police car came by and checked the cemetery. The policeman then went over and turned around at the Quaker City Cemetery. Chairman Merriam thanked the North Smithfield policeman and sent a thank you to the Chief of the North Smithfield Police Department for their work in helping to protect our cemeteries.

6. Faith Fellowship Church

Faith Fellowship Church has a Service Day on October 28, 2007. Unfortunately the Cemetery Committee has nothing for them to do at this time.

7. Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Historic Cemetery Committee is due November 1, 2007. Chairman Merriam will have the report ready for our October meeting.

8. Fund Balance

The Committee received an update of the balances of several different Trust Funds and our General Fund.

9. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Beth Butler; seconded by Roy Henry.

Unanimous.